

AN  
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DECLARATION  
OF THE  
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assembled in Parliament.

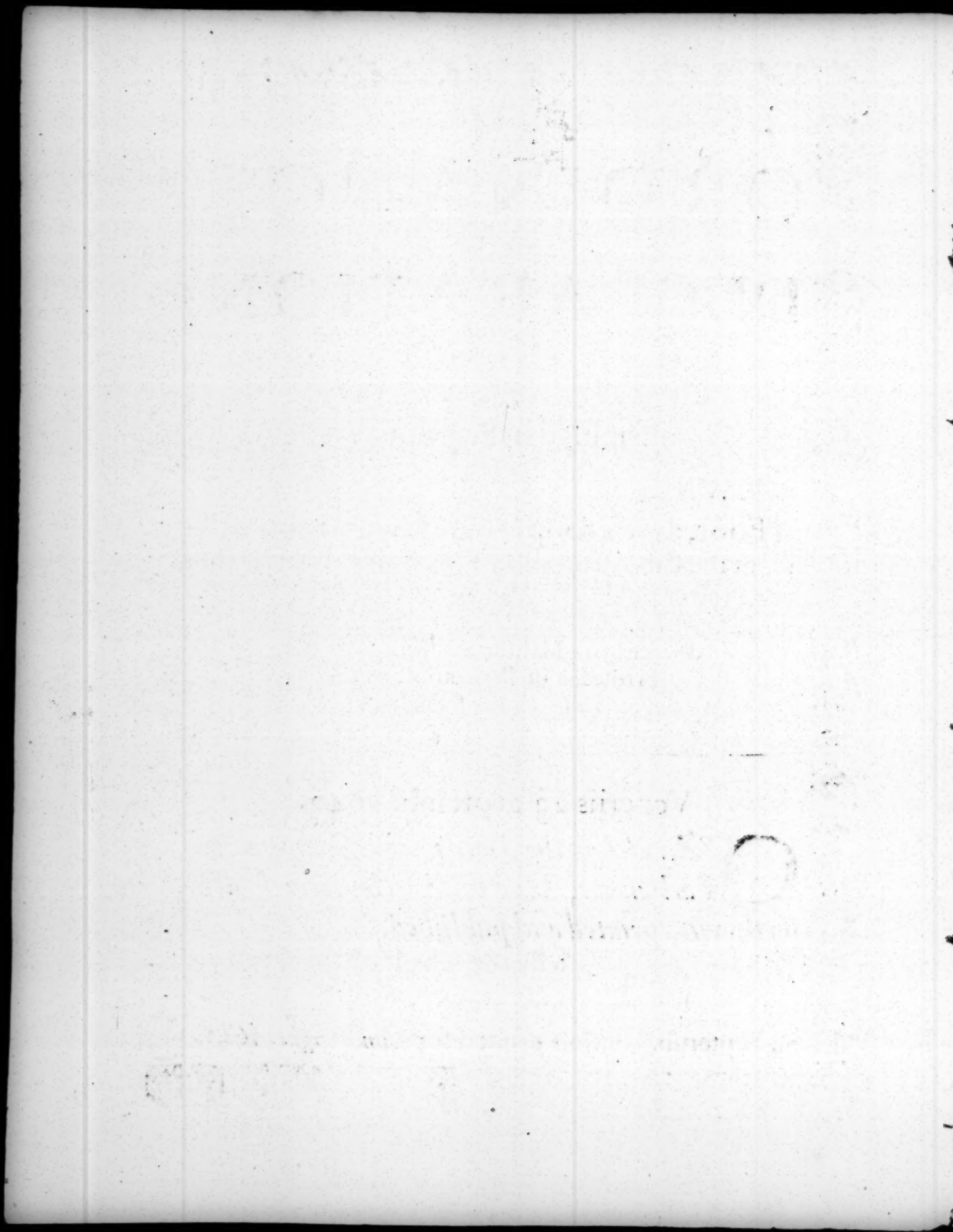
Shewing that all the Regiments  
of Foot, and Troopes of Horse, within and  
about the City of *London*; shall within fortie eight  
houres after publication hereof, march to his Excel-  
lence, *Robert Earle of Essex*, to be employed for the  
defence of his Majesty and Kingdome the  
Priviledge of Parliament and Li-  
berty of the Subiect.

Veneriis 23 Septemb. 1642.

Ordered by the Lords and Commons in  
Parliament, That this Declaration shalbe  
forth-with printed and published.

J. Brown Cler. Parliamentorum.

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An Ordinance  
Or DECLARATION  
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**V**Hereas divers Regiments of Foot, and Troopes of Horfe, have long since bin lysted in the Army rayfed by the Parliament, for the

defence of the King and Kingdome, under the command of Robert Earle of *Essex*, of which some are not marched away to their Rendezvous, according to their duty, and others are not of fitting numbers for service, yet all receive pay to the great charge of the Kingdome, and by this their neglect doe great preiudice to the publique Cause; In which Religion, Lawes and Libertie, are so much concerned. It is therefore Ordeyned and Declared by the Lords and Commons in Parliament assembled, That such regiments of Foot as consists of foure hundred men or more, and troops of Horse, as consist of forty  
or



or more, shall within forty eight  
houres after publication hereof,  
march towards the place where  
they shall understand the Lord  
Generall to be, except by speciall  
Order they be directed to any o-  
ther place; And they shall not stay  
by the way longer then for their  
necessary refreshment; And such  
regiments or troopes as shall faile  
herein, or shall not consist of such  
numbers as is before specified,  
That is to say, a Regiment of Foot  
of foure hundred, and a Troop of  
Horse of forty, shall be casheired  
and also lyable to such further  
punishment, as upon examinati-  
on of the cause of their fayling,  
and neglect, shall bee found that

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they have deserved. And the common Souldiers of such Regiment or troope so casheired, shall be disposed of, for the filling up and recruting of others.

Yet in regard the Captaines of some regiments which have not the number of four hundred, may have beene carefull to raise and compleate their own Companies, And that there is no reason they should suffer for the default of others; either the Colonels or other Captaines that have not beene so carefull, It is thought fit, that such Captaine of any regiment now to be casheired, as shal have his company compleat, shall be continued in his entertainment, together  
with

wit his company, & shall march unto the place where the Lord Generall shall be, to bee disposed of by him in any other regiment, or otherwise Imployed as his Lordship shall think fit.

And it is further declared, That the regiments of Colonell *Essex*, and Colonell *Ballard*, shall not be understood to bee within this order, in regard both those Colonels have bin, and yet are imployed in the service of the State; And their absence may be a cause, that their regiments are not in that forwardnesse that otherwise they would have beene. But they are hereby enioyned with all possible speed to march unto the Army.

FINIS.